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SUBJ: CLASHES BETWEEN STUDENT GROUPS

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1. AFTER A LONG HIATUS, STUDENT POLITICAL VIOLENCE HAS BEGUN AGAIN. TWO INCIDENTS IN EARLY MARCH BETWEEN STUDENT GROUPS ON LEFT AND RIGHT IN THE ISTANBUL AREA (REFTEL) HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF OTHER CAMPUS CLASHES, MOSTLY IN EASTERN TURKEY BUT ALSO IN ANKARAN AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ON MARCH 18, AT THE TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE IN TUNCELI AND THE ATATURK HIGH SCHOOL IN ERZURUM:

(B) ON MARCH 21, AT THE ARDAHASN HIGH SCHOOL:

(C) ON OR ABOUT MARCH 21, AT THE GUMUSANE HIGH SCHOOL: AND

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(D) ON MARCH 21, AT THE ANKARA UNIVERSITY LAW

FACULTY.

(E) IN LATE MARCH, A RIGHTIST STUDENT ALLEGEDLY WAS STRUCK BY THE PRINCIPAL AND DIED OF INJURIES AT THE NIKSAR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN TOKAT PROVINCE, FOLLOWING WHICH 5,000 SYMPATHIZERS, ACCODING TO THE NEWSPAPERS, ATTENDED HIS FUNERAL ON MARCH 26 IN ANKARA.

2. COMMENT: WIDELY VARIED SOURCES IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AGREE THAT THESE INCIDENTS ARE, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, ALTERCATIONS BETWEEN LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST STUDENTS OVER LOCAL AND IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES, AND THERE IS NO BASIS FOR CONJECTURE THAT THEY MIGHT INVOLVE KURDISH DISTRUBANCES CONNECTED WITH IRAQ. ONE LAW PROFESSOR HAS TOLD US THAT THE TWO SIDES WANT TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE AMNESTY BILL.

3. ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENTS SO FAR ARE MINOR, WE SHARE ISTANBUL'S CONCERN THAT THEY COULD PRESSAGE A RETURN TO PRE-1971 LEVELS OF CAMPUS VIOLENCE. GOVERNMENT POWERS TO SUPPRESS OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE ARE NOW MORE EXISTENSIVE, BUT THE DECISION TO USE SUCH POWERS WOULD BE A HARD POLITICAL QUESTION FOR PRIMIN ECEVIT.
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